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Agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission[1]

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
4. Report on the status of prospecting and contracts for exploration.
5. Information on the periodic review of implementation of the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules by the Government of India.
6. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration[2] for:
   (a) Cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts;
   (b) Polymetallic nodules;
   (c) Polymetallic sulphides.
7. Status of implementation of training programmes under plans of work for exploration and allocation of training opportunities.[3]
8. Consideration of the annual reports of contractors.[3]
9. Preparation of draft regulations for exploitation of polymetallic nodules in the Area.
10. Status of implementation of the Environmental Management Plan for the Clarion-Clipperton Zone.
11. Information on the data management strategy of the Authority.

[1] The Commission will meet twice in 2014. The first meeting will be held from 3 to 14 February 2014; the second meeting will take place during the twentieth session of the Authority from 7 to 25 July 2014. Unless otherwise indicated, the items on the agenda will be taken up by the Commission at its first meeting.

[2] Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration will be considered in the order of receipt.

[3] To be taken up at the July meeting.

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12. Matters referred to the Commission by the Council:

    (a) Consideration of proposed amendments to regulation 21 of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Sulphides in the Area;

    (b) Issue of effective control;[3]

    (c) Issues of monopolization of activities in the Area;[3]

    (d) Issues relating to the operation of the Enterprise, in particular the legal, technical and financial implications for the Authority.[3]

13. Issues relating to extensions for plans of work for exploration.[3]

14. Issues of conflict of interest.

15. Other matters.